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In compliance with the duty of disclosure according to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, Applicant presents herein a prior art references that are believed at this time to be relevant to the subject matter of the instant patent application. Copies of the references, which are listed in the annexed PTO-1449 (equivalent) form, is enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after receipt of the PTOL-85 and prior to payment of the Issue Fee. Inclusion of this Information Disclosure Statement and its associated reference(s) into the Official File of the present application is respectfully requested.

These references, irrespective of whether viewed singularly or in combination with any reference of record, do not teach or suggest the invention claimed in the subject patent application. These references, therefore, do not raise a question of patentability of the claims of the present application.



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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement and the references cited herein be incorporated into the official file of the present application.

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